

Amendments to the Claims

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of inter-module communication comprising:
forming a message, wherein
 said forming comprises
 inserting customer relations management system information and other
 customer relations management system information into said
 message, [[and]]
 configuring said message to be pushed from a customer relations
 management system by encoding at least a portion of said message
 in a markup language,
 receiving an incoming customer support request at said customer
 relations management system, wherein said customer relations
 management system receives said incoming customer support
 request from a channel driver in communication with a
 communications channel, and
 causing said customer relations management system to route said
 incoming customer support request as a work item to an agent
 using said message,
 said customer relations management system information comprises at least one of
 agent information and work item information,
 said agent information comprises information regarding [[an]] said agent,
 said work item information comprises information regarding [[a]] said work item,
 said other customer relations management system information is other than said
 agent information and said work item information, and
 said other customer relations management system information comprises at least
 one of a command, a request and a notification.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein

said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously provided information.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule information.

26. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising: communicating said message from a commerce server to a universal queuing system.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising: forming said command, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said command and said command is defined such that a module receiving said message performs an operation.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising: forming said request, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said request and said request is configured to cause a module receiving said message to reply with requested customer relations management system information.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising: forming said notification, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said message defines a function, and said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein said agent-related function is initiated by one of an AgentLogin command, an AgentLogout command, an AgentInitAuBWork command, an AgentAllMediaAvailable command, a ChangeAgentMediaMode command, a ChangeAgentSkill command, a RequestAgentState request, a RequestAgentMediaMode request, a RequestSystemState request, a RequestAgentWorkableList request, a RequestWorkItemAssignment request, a RequestAgentWorkItemList request and a RequestAgentMediaState request.
32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein said work item-related function is initiated by one of an AddWorkItem command, a RequestWorkItemStatus request, an AcceptWorkItem command, a RejectWorkItem command, a CompleteWorkItem command, a WrapUpWorkItemResponse command, a WrapCompleteWorkItem command, an HoldWorkItem command, an UnHoldWorkItem command, a BlindTransferWorkItemToAgent command, a TransferWorkItemToAgent command and a TransferWorkItemToRoute command.
33. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein said statistics-related function is initiated by one of a SetChannelStatInterval command, a SetRouteStatInterval command, a StartAgentStat command, a StopAgentStat command and a GetSystemStatistics request.
34. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein said administrative function is initiated by one of a UQOpenConnection command, a UQReopenConnection command, a UQInitRules command, a UQReplaceRules command and a UQDisconnect command.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising: sending said message.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

receiving said message.

37. **(Currently Amended)** A computer system comprising:
a processor;
computer readable storage medium coupled to said processor; and
computer code, encoded in said computer readable storage medium, configured to cause
said processor to:
form a message, wherein
said forming comprises
inserting customer relations management system information and
other customer relations management system information
into said message, **[[and]]**
configuring said message to be pushed from a customer relations
management system by encoding at least a portion of said
message in a markup language,
receiving an incoming customer support request at said
customer relations management system, wherein said
customer relations management system receives said
incoming customer support request from a channel
driver in communication with a communications
channel, and
causing said customer relations management system to route
said incoming customer support request as a work item
to an agent using said message,
said customer relations management system information comprises at least
one of agent information and work item information,
said agent information comprises information regarding **[[an]] said** agent,
said work item information comprises information regarding **[[a]] said**
work item,
said other customer relations management system information is other
than said agent information and said work item information, and

said other customer relations management system information comprises
 at least one of a command, a request and a notification.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 37, wherein
 said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously
 provided information.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 38, wherein
 said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of
 queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule
 information.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 37, wherein said computer
 code is further configured to cause said processor to:
 communicate said message from a commerce server to a universal queuing system.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 37, wherein said computer
 code is further configured to cause said processor to:
 form said command, wherein said other customer relations management system
 information comprises said command and said command is defined such that a
 module receiving said message performs an operation.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 37, wherein said computer
 code is further configured to cause said processor to:
 form said request, wherein said other customer relations management system information
 comprises said request and said request is configured to cause a module receiving
 said message to reply with requested customer relations management system
 information.

43. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 37, wherein said computer
 code is further configured to cause said processor to:
 form said notification, wherein

said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and
 said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

44. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 37, wherein said message defines a function, and
 said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 44, wherein said computer code is further configured to cause said processor to:
 send said message.

46. (**Currently Amended**) A computer program product comprising:
 a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to form a message, wherein
 said first set of instructions comprises
 a first subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to insert customer relations management system information and other customer relations management system information into said message, **[[and]]**
 a second subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to configure said message to be pushed from a customer relations management system, wherein said second subset of instructions comprises
 a first sub-subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to encode at least a portion of said message in a markup language,
 a third subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to receive an incoming customer support request at said customer relations management system, wherein said customer relations management system receives said incoming

customer support request from a channel driver in communication with a communications channel, and a fourth subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to cause said customer relations management system to route said incoming customer support request as a work item to an agent using said message,

 said customer relations management system information comprises at least one of agent information and work item information,

 said agent information comprises information regarding [[an]] **said** agent,

 said work item information comprises information regarding [[a]] **said** work item,

 said other customer relations management system information is other than said

 agent information and said work item information, and

 said other customer relations management system information comprises at least one of a command, a request and a notification; and

computer readable storage media, wherein said computer program product is encoded in said computer readable storage media.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously provided information.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 47, wherein said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule information.

49. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein said computer program product further comprises:

 a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to communicate said message from a commerce server to a universal queuing system.

50. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein said computer program product further comprises:

a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to form said command, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said command and said command is defined such that a module receiving said message performs an operation.

51. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein said computer program product further comprises:

a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to form said request, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said request and said request is configured to cause a module receiving said message to reply with requested customer relations management system information.

52. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein said computer program product further comprises:

a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to form said notification, wherein
said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and
said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

53. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein
said message defines a function, and
said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function.

54. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 53, wherein said computer program product further comprises:

a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to send said message.

55. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

means for inter-module communication comprising means for forming a message,
wherein

means for inter-module communication is communicatively coupled to said
processor,

said means for forming comprises

means for inserting customer relations management system information
and other customer relations management system information into
said message, wherein said message is pushed from said
customer relations management system as a result of said
customer relations management system receiving an incoming
customer support request and said incoming customer support
request being routed as a work item to an agent, and

means for configuring said message to be pushed from a customer
relations management system, wherein

means for configuring comprises encoding at least a portion of
said message in a markup language,

said customer relations management system information comprises at least one of
agent information and work item information,

said agent information comprises information regarding [[an]] said agent,

said work item information comprises information regarding [[a]] said work item,

said other customer relations management system information is other than said

agent information and said work item information, and

said other customer relations management system information comprises at least
one of a command, a request and a notification.

56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein

said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously
provided information.

57. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule information.

58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising: means for communicating said message from a commerce server to a universal queuing system.

59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising: means for forming said command, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said command and said command is defined such that a module receiving said message performs an operation.

60. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising: means for forming said request, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said request and said request is configured to cause a module receiving said message to reply with requested customer relations management system information.

61. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising: means for forming said notification, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

62. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein said message defines a function, and said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function.

63. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 62, further comprising: means for sending said message.

64. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 63, further comprising:
means for receiving said message.

65. (**Currently Amended**) A method comprising:
receiving a message, wherein

at least a portion of said message is encoded in a markup language,
said receiving comprises

receiving said message from a customer relations management system
upon said message being pushed from said customer relations
management system, wherein said message is pushed from said
customer relations management system as a result of said
customer relations management system receiving an incoming
customer support request and said incoming customer support
request being routed as a work item to an agent,

extracting customer relations management system information and other
customer relations management system information from said
message, and

decoding said at least said portion of said message in said markup
language,

said message is configured to provide inter-module communications by virtue of
said message comprising said customer relations management system
information and said other customer relations management system
information,

said customer relations management system information comprising at
least one of agent information and work item information,
said agent information comprising information regarding [[an]] said
agent,

said work item information comprising information regarding [[a]] said
work item,

said other customer relations management system information being other
than said agent information and said work item information, and

said other customer relations management system information comprising at least one of a command, a request and a notification.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously provided information.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule information.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said receiving of said command occurs at a universal queuing system.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, further comprising: performing an operation in response to receiving said command, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said command.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, further comprising: replying with requested customer relations management system information in response to receiving said message, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said request.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said message defines a function, and

said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function.

73. **(Currently Amended)** A computer system comprising:

 a processor;

 computer readable storage medium coupled to said processor; and

 computer code, encoded in said computer readable storage medium, configured to cause said processor to:

 receive a message, wherein

 at least a portion of said message is encoded in a markup language,

 said computer code configured to cause said processor to receive

 comprises

 computer code configured to cause said processor to receive said message from a customer relations management system

 upon said message being pushed from said customer relations management system, wherein said message is pushed from said customer relations management system as a result of said customer relations management system receiving an incoming customer support request and said incoming customer support request being routed as a work item to an agent,

 computer code configured to cause said processor to extract customer relations management system information and other customer relations management system information from said message, and

 computer code configured to cause said processor to decode said at least said portion of said message in said markup language,

 said message is configured to provide inter-module communications by virtue of

said message comprising said customer relations management system information and said other customer relations management system information,
 said customer relations management system information comprising at least one of agent information and work item information,
 said agent information comprising information regarding [[an]] **said** agent,
 said work item information comprising information regarding [[a]] **said** work item,
 said other customer relations management system information being other than said agent information and said work item information, and
 said other customer relations management system information comprising at least one of a command, a request and a notification.

74. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 73, wherein said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously provided information.

75. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 74, wherein said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule information.

76. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 73, wherein said receiving of said command occurs at a universal queuing system.

77. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 73, wherein said computer code is further configured to cause said processor to:

perform an operation in response to receiving said command, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said command.

78. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 73, wherein said computer code is further configured to cause said processor to:

reply with requested customer relations management system information in response to receiving said message, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said request.

79. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 73, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and

said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

80. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 73, wherein said message defines a function, and
said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function.

81. (**Currently Amended**) A computer program product comprising:

a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to receive a message, wherein

at least a portion of said message is encoded in a markup language,
said first set of instructions comprises

a first subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to receive said message from a customer relations management system upon said message being pushed from said customer relations management system, wherein said message is pushed from said customer relations management system as a result of said customer relations management system receiving an incoming customer support request and said incoming

customer support request being routed as a work item to an agent.

a second subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to extract customer relations management system information and other customer relations management system information from said message, and
a third subset of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to decode said at least said portion of said message in said markup language,

said message is configured to provide inter-module communications by virtue of said message comprises customer relations management system information and other customer relations management system information,

said customer relations management system information comprises at least one of agent information and work item information,

said agent information comprises information regarding [[an]] **said** agent,

said work item information comprises information regarding [[a]] **said** work item,

said other customer relations management system information is other than said agent information and said work item information, and

said other customer relations management system information comprises at least one of a command, a request and a notification; and

computer readable storage media, wherein said computer program product is encoded in said computer readable storage media.

82. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein

said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously provided information.

83. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule information.

84. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein said receiving of said command occurs at a universal queuing system.

85. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein said computer program product further comprises:

a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to perform an operation in response to receiving said command, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said command.

86. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein said computer program product further comprises:

a second set of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to reply with requested customer relations management system information in response to receiving said message, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said request.

87. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and

said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

88. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein said message defines a function, and

said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function.

89. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

means for receiving a message, wherein

said means for receiving is communicatively coupled to said processor,

at least a portion of said message is encoded in a markup language,

said means for receiving comprises

means for receiving said message from a customer relations management system upon said message being pushed from said customer relations management system, **wherein said message is pushed from said customer relations management system as a result of said customer relations management system receiving an incoming customer support request and said incoming customer support request being routed as a work item to an agent,**

means for extracting customer relations management system information and other customer relations management system information from said message, and

means for decoding said at least said portion of said message in said markup language,

said message is configured to provide inter-module communications by virtue of said message comprising said customer relations management system information and said other customer relations management system information,

said customer relations management system information comprising at least one of agent information and work item information,

said agent information comprising information regarding an agent,

said work item information comprising information regarding a work item,

said other customer relations management system information being other than said agent information and said work item information, and
 said other customer relations management system information comprising at least one of a command, a request and a notification.

90. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 89, wherein
 said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously provided information.

91. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 90, wherein
 said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information, connection information and rule information.

92. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 89, wherein
 said receiving of said command occurs at a universal queuing system.

93. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 89, further comprising:
 means for performing an operation in response to receiving said command, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said command.

94. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 89, further comprising:
 means for replying with requested customer relations management system information in response to receiving said message, wherein said other customer relations management system information comprises said request.

95. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 89, wherein
 said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, and
 said notification is generated by a module generating said message.

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96. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 89, wherein
said message defines a function, and
said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a
statistics-related function and an administrative function.

97-98. (Cancelled)

99. (**Cancelled**)